(b) Does not arise.

Death of Construction Workers in Shakarpur-Laxminagar Area

3340. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were many casualties among construction labourers in Shakarpur-Laxminagar area of Delhi due to sudden fall of a building structure recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what remedial measures have been taken by Government to compensate the families of the dead and wounded construction labourers;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to safeguard the interests of construction labourers through legislation; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Administration five workers suffered minor injuries. They were admitted to the Hospital and discharged after necessary treatment. The Commissioner Workmen's Compensation has initiated proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

(c) and (d) There is a proposal to bring in a Central Legislation to safeguard the interests of the workers in the Building and Construction Industry. The matter has, however, not been finalised. It is, therefore, not possible to give details at this stage.

Police Commissioners' Delhi

3341 SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the reasons for which Shri Ved Marwah, Delhi Police Commissioner, proceeded on long leave?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): Shri Ved Marwah, Commissioner of Police Delhi had applied for 10 days Casual Leave from November 23rd to December 4th with permission to affix November 21, 22, 28, 29 and December 5 & 6 on personal grounds. Shri Ved Marwah had also sought permission to leave station. The leave was sanctioned by the Lt. Governor, Delhi Shri Marwah has since joined duty as Commissioner of Police on 7 12.87.

Development of Sericulture

3342. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to intensify sericulture in the rain-fed areas all over the country, the Central Silk Board has urged the Central and State Governments to boost sericulture;

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether in view of the recent drought, Central Government propose to direct the State Governments to boost sericulure in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Central Silk Board and the Government of India have urged the State Governments to develop sericulture in rainfed areas by providing necessary financial and technical support to the farmers. In fact the VII Plan Programme envisages development of additional areas of 42,100 hectares of mulberry plantation under rainfed conditions.